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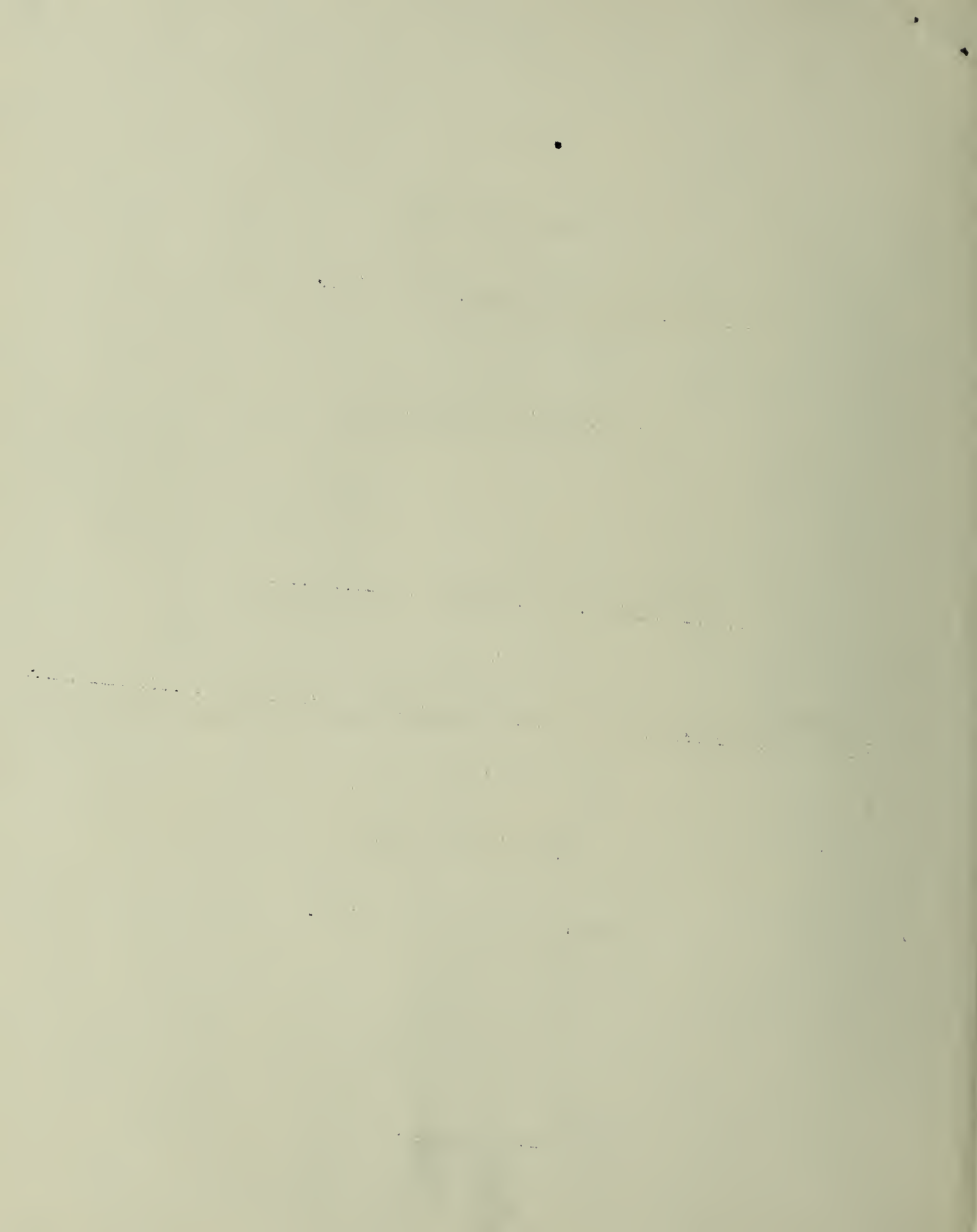
SURVEYOR AND CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR.

for the

YEAR ENDED



31st. DECEMBER 1956.



BILLESDON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE
YEAR ENDED 31st. DECEMBER. 1956.

TO: THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
BILLESDON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I present to you my Annual Report on the health and sanitary circumstances of the Billesdon Rural District for the year 1956.

Again I am glad to be able to report that the health of the rural district continued to be good as is evidenced by the table on page 4. The death rate remains low, at 9.24 per 1,000 as against 11.7 for the whole Country.

Once again the maternal death rate has been 'NIL' but unfortunately, six infants under the age of one year died and there were three still births. The causes of the infant deaths can be regarded as non-preventable and the rates are well below those for the whole Country.

It is a pleasure to be able to report that there were once again no cases of Diphtheria notified during the year.

There was no serious epidemic of notifiable infectious disease during the year and the incidence was low.

LABORATORY FACILITIES.

There has been no change in the arrangements during 1956 whereby the Public Health Laboratory Service at Groby Road, Leicester undertakes the bacteriological examination of specimens submitted. :

In addition to the milk, ice cream and water examinations reported upon by the Chief Public Health Inspector, the following examinations were carried out during 1956.

Throat and nose swabs	...	...	1
Faeces and Urine	...	...	107
Sputa	...	...	99
Miscellaneous	...	...	1

Ambulance Facilities; Nursing in the Home; Maternity and Child Welfare; Child Life Protection; School Health Services.

The Leicester County Council is the responsible authority for the administration of these Services.

National Assistance Act 1948, Section 47.

No cases came to notice during the year.

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS

OF THE

BILLESDON RURAL DISTRICT.

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

J. Young, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H. Camb.

The Medical Officer of Health acts for the
Leicestershire and Rutland Combined Districts
in which this District is included.

SURVEYOR AND CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR.

John W. Stephenson, B.E.M., A.M.S.E. (Civ.), F.F.S., F.A.P.H.I.,
M.R.S.H., Cert.S.I.B.
Certificated Inspector of Meat and other Foods.
Incorporated Engineer and Surveyor.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR.

G.E.J. Potter, L.F.S., M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I., Cert.S.I.B.
Certificated Inspector of Meat and other Foods.
Incorporated Surveyor.

Clerk.

Mrs. M. Allen.

During the year the Chief Public Health Inspector was honoured by
being installed as Chairman and Vice President of the Architectural and
Building Surveyors Society and Mr. Potter secured qualification as a Surveyor.

BIRTH RATE, DEATH RATE AND GENERAL STATISTICS FOR 1956.

	LIVE BIRTHS.		STILLBIRTHS.		DEATHS.		DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER 1 YEAR	
	Number.	per 1,000 population.	Number.	per 1,000 local live and still births.	Number.	per 1,000 total population.	Number.	per 1,000 related live births.
ENGLAND AND WALES.	699,059.	15.7	16,431.	23.0	521,402.	11.7	16,471.	23.8
COUNTY OF LEICESTER.	5,611.	15.39	148.	25.69	3,755.	10.29	130.	23.17
BILLESDON R.D.C.	290.	20.59	3.	9.10	84.	9.24	6.	20.68

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area in acres ...	49,728.	Rateable Value ...	£112,901.
Registrar General's estimate of Population (Mid 1956) ...	12,530.	Sum represented by ...	£463.
No. of inhabited dwellings ...	4,037.	a 1d. rate	

IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA, 1956.

The following is a return of the children resident in the Rural District who were immunised against Diphtheria during the year ended 31.12.56.

Year of Birth.	Primary Inoculations.	Reinforcing Inoculations.
1956.	16	-
1955.	99	-
1954.	22	-
1953.	5	-
1952.	2	5
1951.	1	63
1950.	2	7
1949.	-	3
1948.	-	2
1947.	-	-
1946.	-	-
1945.	-	1
1944.	-	-
1943.	-	-
1942.	-	-
Totals.	147.	81.
Comparable figures for 1955.	137.	83.

The following is a return of the number of children resident in the rural district of Billesdon under the age of 15 yrs. on 31st. December, 1956 who had completed a course of immunisation at any time before that date (i.e. at any time since 1st. January, 1942.)

No. of children born.	Year of Birth.	No. Immunised.
	1942.	70.
	1943.	93.
	1944.	115.
	1945.	26.
	1946.	92.
167.	1947.	101.
150.	1948.	105.
135.	1949.	68.
127.	1950.	93.
118.	1951.	88.
129.	1952.	78.
121.	1953.	76.
123.	1954.	112.
180.	1955.	109.
290.	1956.	16.
1,540.	-	1,247.

Diphtheria Notifications and deaths in 1956 in relation to immunisation.

Notifications.	Deaths.
Nil.	Nil.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES.

Disease.	Total of Cases Notified.	Cases admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Scarlet Fever.	10	-	-
Pneumonia.	4	1	-
Measles.	40	-	-
Whooping Cough.	45	-	-
Meningitis.	3	3	-
Poliomyelitis Paralytic.	1	1	-
Food Poisoning.	2	-	-
Dysentery.	25	-	-
Totals	130	5	-

ANALYSIS OF CASES OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASE.

Disease.	Under 1	1 - 2	3 - 4	5 - 9	10 - 14	15 - 24	25 - 45	45 - 65	65 and over	Total
Scarlet Fever.	-	-	3	6	1	-	-	-	-	10
Pneumonia.	-	1	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	4
Measles.	2	7	8	22	-	-	-	1	-	40
Whooping Cough.	6	10	11	13	-	-	-	-	-	45
Meningitis.	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	3
Poliomyelitis Paralytic.	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Food Poisoning.	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	2
Dysentery.	1	4	5	3	1	1	7	2	1	25
Totals	9	24	29	50	3	2	9	3	1	130

DEATHS PER MONTH IN EACH PARISH

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
ALLEXTON	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BILLESDON	2	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	1	2	-	-
BURTON OVERY	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
CARLTON CURLIEU	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
COLD NEWTON	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
EAST NORTON	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
FRISBY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GAULBY	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GOADBY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GREAT GLEN	1	-	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	2	-	1
GREAT STRETTON	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
HOUGHTON/HILL	1	2	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
HUNGARTON	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ILLSTON	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
KEYHAM	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
KING'S NORTON	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
LAUNDE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
LITTLE STRETTON	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
LODDINGTON	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
LOWESBY	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MAREFIELD	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NOSELEY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OWSTON	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ROLLESTON	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SCRAPTOFT	-	1	-	2	-	3	1	-	-	6	1	1
SKEFFINGTON	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
STOUGHTON	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
THURNBY AND BUSHBY	-	2	3	1	1	3	1	-	1	2	1	1
TILTON	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
TUGBY	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WHATBOROUGH	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WISTOW	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
WITHCOTE	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	7	7	10	10	5	10	6	4	3	12	4	5

TOTAL DEATHS, 1956.

CAUSES OF DEATH.	Male	Female.
Tuberculosis, respiratory.	-	1
Tuberculosis, other.	-	-
Syphilitic disease.	-	-
Diphtheria.	-	-
Whooping Cough.	-	-
Meningococcal infections.	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis.	-	-
Measles.	-	-
Other infective and parasitic diseases.	-	-
Malignant neoplasm, stomach.	-	-
Malignant neoplasm, lung bronchus	-	-
Malignant neoplasm, breast.	-	2
Malignant neoplasm, uterus.	-	-
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms.	5	2
Leukaemia, aleukaemia.	-	1
Diabetes.	1	-
Vascular lesions of nervous system.	6	8
Coronary disease, angina.	8	5
Hypertension with heart disease.	1	2
Other heart disease.	9	5
Other circulatory disease.	2	1
Influenza.	-	-
Pneumonia.	4	-
Bronchitis.	1	2
Other diseases of respiratory system.	-	-
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum.	1	1
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea.	-	-
Nephritis and nephrosis.	1	-
Hyperplasia of prostate.	-	-
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion.	-	-
Congenital malformations.	1	2
Other defined and ill-defined diseases.	5	3
Motor vehicle accidents.	-	1
All other accidents.	1	1
Suicide.	-	1
All causes.	46	38

Below is an analysis of the deaths from malignant diseases according to age groups. No information is available as to the incidence of cancer in any particular occupation :

Deaths from Cancer, 1956.

AGE GROUP.	Male.	Female.
0.		
1.		
5.		
15.		
25.	1.	1.
35.		
45.		2.
55.		
65 and over.	4.	2.
Totals	5.	5.

Prevention of Blindness.

No notifications of Ophthalmia Neonatorum were received during 1956.

Tuberculosis.

No action was taken in 1956 under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925 or under Section 172 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

Overleaf is a table of the new cases of tuberculosis reported during the year.

NEW CASES.

AGE GROUPS.	PULMONARY.		NON-PULMONARY.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.
C.	-	-	-	-
1.	2*	1*	-	-
5.	1*	1*	1	-
		1		
15.	-	-	-	-
20.	3*	4*	-	-
	1			
25.	6*	5*	1	1
		1		
35.	3*	1*	1*	-
		1		
45.	1*	1*	-	-
55.	-	1*	-	-
65 and over.	2	-	-	2*
Totals.	19	17	3	3

* Transfers from other areas.

GENERAL SUMMARY OF STATISTICAL INFORMATION.

Registrar General's Estimated
Mid-Year Population.

1953.	1954.	1955.	1956.
7,362.	8,130.	10,210.	12,530.

Estimated Population at 31st. December, 1956.	13,690.
Area (acres)	49,723.
Persons per acre (Based on mid-year figure)	0.25
Annual Birthrate per 1,000 population.	20.59
Annual Deathrate per 1,000 population.	9.24
Births : Male - 161 Female - 129.	290.
Deaths : Male - 46 Female - 33.	34.
Excess of Births over deaths.	206.
Pulmonary Tuberculosis Death rate per 1,000 population.	0.07.
Other Tuberculosis Death rate per 1,000 population.	Nil
Cancer death rate per 1,000 population.	0.78.
Pneumonia Death Rate per 1,000 population.	0.3.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient Servant,

JOHN YOUNG.

Medical Officer of Health.

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ANNUAL REPORT

of the

SURVEYOR AND CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting my Report for the year 1956. The supervision of private housing development has again had prior claim upon the time of the department and the number of plans considered during the year shows an increase on the total of the previous year. The number of occupied dwellings in the district increased from 3201 to 4037.

Apart from the preparation of a scheme for river improvement at Great Glen it has once again only been possible to attend to day to day matters and attention given to housing repairs, slum clearance, food hygiene and petroleum installations has been inadequate as was forecast in my last Annual Report.

Details are contained in the following tables of the number of planning applications which have been received and dealt with during the year. In this respect no account has been taken of re-submission of amended plans received in connection with some of the larger proposals.

PARISH.	Number Received	Number Withdrawn	Refused	Appeals	Permitted	No. of Buildings Involved	Number Received	Number Withdrawn	Refused	Permitted	Appeals
Allextton.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Billesdon.	3	-	-	-	3	3	3	-	-	3	-
Burton Overy.	4	-	-	-	4	3	1	-	1	-	-
Carlton Curlieu.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cold Newton.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
East Norton.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Frisby.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Galby.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Goadby.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Great Glen.	7	-	-	-	7	76	1	-	1	-	-
Great Stretton.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Houghton-on-the-Hill.	10	-	-	-	10	10	1	-	1	-	-
Hungarton.	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
Illston.	2	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-
Keyham.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
King's Norton.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Launde.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Little Stretton.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Loddington.	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lowesby.	3	-	-	-	3	4	-	-	-	-	-
Marefield.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Noseley.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Owston..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rolleston.	3	-	-	-	3	5	-	-	-	-	-
Scraptoft.	35	-	3	-	32	591	2	1	-	1	-
Skeffington.	2	-	-	-	2	1	1	-	-	1	-
Stoughton.	2	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-
Thurnby & Bushby.	18	-	-	-	18	59	3	1	1	1	-
Tilton.	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	-
Tugby.	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
Whatborough.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wistow.	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Withcote.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	95	-	3	-	92	757	13	2	4	7	-

The following is a summary of the plans deposited in accordance with
the Building Byelaws :

Parish	No. of Plans Deposited	No. Refused	Appv'd.	No. of Buildings Involved			
				Houses	Addns.& Alts.	Other Bldgs.	Total
Allexton	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Billesdon	15	1	14	1	16	7	24
Burton Overy	7	-	7	1	3	3	7
Carlton Curlieu	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cold Newton	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
East Norton	1	-	1	-	-	1	1
Frisby	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Galby	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Goadby	1	-	1	-	2	-	2
Great Glen	12	-	12	75	4	5	84
Great Stretton	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Houghton-on-the-Hill	13	-	3	8	7	2	17
Hungarton	3	-	3	-	2	1	3
Illston	1	-	1	1	-	-	1
Keyham	2	-	2	-	-	2	2
King's Norton	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Launde	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Little Stretton	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Loddington	2	-	2	-	1	1	2
Lowesby	3	-	3	4	-	-	4
Marefield	1	-	1	-	-	1	1
Noseley	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Owston	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rolleston	3	-	3	1	-	5	6
Scraptoft	55	1	54	527	8	48	583
Skeffington	2	-	2	-	1	1	2
Stoughton	5	-	5	1	12	1	14
Thurnby & Bushby	73	1	72	56	10	55	121
Tilton	1	-	1	-	1	-	1
Tugby	2	-	2	-	5	-	5
Whatborough	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wistow	2	-	2	-	3	1	4
Withcote	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	204	3	201	675	75	134	884.

7 Refusals were issued under the Plannings Acts and 3 plans rejected under
the Building Byelaws.

WATER.

Hopes that a supply of main water would be on its way to Hungarton and Illston-on-the-Hill during the year were dashed when credit restrictions put a severe brake on capital works.

However, the small scheme to supply Allextan did proceed and it is expected that early in 1957 water will be available in this village.

Rainfall in the period February to June was unusually light and a severe water shortage occurred in several parts of the district.

Goadby was very short of water for at least two months and a complete survey of supplies in the village was made following information that a never failing well had been closed some eighty years ago.

This well was located and found to be useless, and it was also interesting to note that whereas the wells on the eastern half of the village very rarely fail, those on the west are dry after only a short spell of limited rainfall.

SAMPLES.

A total of 17 samples were submitted for examination with the following results :

Bacteriological Examination.

Type of Water.	No. of Samples.	Results.	
		Unsatisfactory.	Satisfactory.
Main	4	-	4
Raw	12	11	1

Chemical Analysis.

Type of Water.	No. of Samples.	Results.	
		Unsatisfactory.	Satisfactory.
Main.	-	-	-
Raw.	1	1	-

It has not been necessary to take any action in regard to waters liable to plumbo solvent action.

The following table indicates particulars of water supply in relation to households :

Internal Mains Water Supply.		Mains water from external standpipes.		Supplies from Springs, Wells etc.	
No. of Dwellings.	Population. (Approx.)	No. of Dwellings.	Population. (Approx.)	No. of Dwellings.	Pop. Appx.
3307.	12,368.	31.	51.	669.	1471.

In 7 instances main water was substituted for well or spring water.

FLOODING.

The residents of Great Glen were again fortunate that the River Sence did not overflow its banks on as many occasions as during 1954. However, the determination of the villagers to get something done convinced the Council that although the statute does not place any obligation on this authority to take remedial action, action must be taken.

I was accordingly instructed to prepare a scheme to alleviate flooding in this village and contributions towards the cost were promised from both the Ministry of Transport and the County Council.

Extensive surveys and investigation early confirmed my opinion that a considerable amount of work would be necessary to improve gradients and increase the depth and width of the river. Unfortunately, legal authority to proceed with the work could not be found and the scheme was forwarded to the Trent River Board together with an urgent appeal that the Board should adopt the River Sence as a "main river" and implement the improvements at the earliest possible date.

The decision of the River Board is still awaited.

Comparative rainfall figures for recent years will be of interest and though they may not be absolutely accurate as far as the Billesdon district is concerned, have been kindly supplied by Gordon J. Wootton Esq., M.I.Mun.E., M.R.S.H., Engineer and Surveyor, Wigston U.D.C.

They are as follows :

Month.	1953.	1954.	1955.	1956.
January.	1.05	1.05	1.69	4.05
February.	1.28	2.42	1.61	0.77
March.	1.64	1.93	2.39	0.98
April.	2.18	0.40	0.95	0.95
May.	1.58	2.06	3.53	0.58
June.	2.64	2.42	3.24	2.96
July.	2.11	2.76	1.09	3.55
August.	2.80	3.69	1.34	5.50
September.	1.38	2.17	1.13	1.86
October.	2.50	2.85	1.43	1.46
November.	1.86	4.98	1.15	0.83
December.	.80	2.45	2.51	3.32
Totals	21.82	29.18	22.11	26.81 inches.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

Credit restrictions put an abrupt stop to the proposed sewerage scheme for Keyham but the Stoughton works were completed and receiving sewage before the end of the year.

Work at Tilton-on-the-Hill and Billesdon was almost complete at the end of the year.

CONSERVANCY.

The following figures show a gradual increase in the number of houses served by W.Cs. and a corresponding reduction in the number of cesspools and pail closets :

No. of privies in the district	...	...	...	...	4.
No. of pail closets in the district	...	...	...	...	568.
No. of W.Cs. in the district	...	...	...	...	3143.

No. of closets converted to W.Cs. during the year	...	...	...	...	13.
No. of cesspools constructed during the year	...	...	...	...	10.
No. of cesspools abolished during the year	...	...	...	...	18.
No. of cesspools in the district	...	...	...	...	316.

Pail closets continue to be emptied weekly and cesspools as regularly as possible with a six-weekly service as the target.

Petrol rationing towards the end of the year slightly interrupted the service but on 31st. December one cesspool emptying vehicle was removed from service and sold.

A new Karrier Yorkshire 800 gallon vehicle was placed on order.

REFUSE DISPOSAL.

The growth of the population served by a regular weekly collection of refuse from 7,862 to an estimated 13,690 on 31st. December 1956 has produced many problems. New vehicles have been necessary and every care has been taken to ensure that they were not purchased and taken into use until absolutely necessary. In the last twelve months there was a population increase of about 2,490 and one new 12 cubic yard side loading refuse vehicle was acquired.

Disposal of refuse at the newly acquired Skeffington Tip was commenced. One man is engaged on digging away the soil on the tip bottom, using a Weatherill Hydraulic vehicle. Refuse is also placed in position, consolidated and covered by the use of this vehicle.

Unfortunately the weather was very bad during the first few weeks this tip was in operation and in an effort to avoid the construction of a costly access road, tipping of the refuse from the whole district reverted to Burton Overy. The consolidation and control of refuse which was possible by using the Weatherill on this old tip enabled a fire which had been burning for a number of years to be extinguished.

Although no accurate check sampling has taken place it appears quite clear that the continued increase in prepackaging almost all domestic goods, both food and otherwise, is resulting in an increase in the volume of packaging material deposited in the refuse.

Also, the introduction of more efficient heating appliances is instrumental in providing a smaller cinder content.

NUMBER OF INSPECTIONS MADE DURING THE YEAR.

Assistance Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Water Sampling	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	21
Drainage	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	458
Closet Conversions	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	34
Water Supply	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	223
Sewage Disposal	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	110
Refuse Disposal	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	75
Stables and Piggeries	....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Animals kept as to be a nuisance	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Moveable Dwellings	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15
Factories - with power	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Factories - non-power	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	-
Outworkers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	43
Workplaces	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	-
Shops Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	-
Rodent Control	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	33
Petroleum Stores	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Building Byelaws	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1799
Town Planning	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	69
Streams and Brooks	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	47
Rights of Way	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	146

HOUSING.

Initial Inspection. Public Health Act.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18.
Revisits.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	28
Initial Inspection. Housing Act.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	50
Revisits	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	32
Improvement Grants	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	279
Initial Inspections -Filthy & Verminous Premises.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Revisits	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Visits - Council Cottages	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	491
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	64

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Visits for disinfection	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	-
Other Visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	146

FOOD PREMISES.

Slaughter Houses.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Butchers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Fishmongers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	-
Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	-
Dairies	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	-
Visits to collect Milk Samples	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	53
Restaurants and Cafes	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Ice Cream Premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18
Licensed Premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Other Food Premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
Grocers and Confectioners	....	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Hospital Kitchens	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	-
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	24

TOTAL

4324.

PART I OF THE ACT.

1. Inspections made by Public Health Inspector for the purposes of provisions as to health :

Premises.	Number on Register.	Number of		Occupiers Prosecuted.
		Inspections.	Written Notices.	
1. Factories in which sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by local authorities.	22	1	-	-
11. Factories not included in (1) in which Sec.7 is enforced by local authority.	17	-	-	-
111. Other premises in which Sec.7 is enforced by local authority (excluding out-workers premises.)	26	-	-	-
Totals	65	1	-	-

2. Cases in which Defects were found :

Particulars.	number of cases in which defects were found.				No of Cases in which prosecutions were instituted.
	Found.	Remedied.	Referred To H.M. by H.M. Inspector.		
Want of Cleanliness	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding.	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature.	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation.	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage.	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences :					
(a) Insufficient.	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective.	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes.	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act.	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	-	-	-	-	-

3. Outwork.

Nature of Work.	No. of Outworkers in August list required by Section 110(1)(c)
Wearing Apparel (making etc.)	48
Total	48

HOUSING.

Once again I must report that it has been absolutely impossible to undertake the normal routine housing inspection work which is such an important duty of my department.

No further work has therefore been done on the five year slum clearance plan.

INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR.

(1) (a)	Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	68
(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	128
(2) (a)	Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 and 1932... ..	-
(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	-
(3)	Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation ...	34.

CLEARANCE AREAS. (Housing Act, 1936 & Housing Repairs & Rents Act, 1954.)

	No. of dwelling-houses demolished in the period.		No. of persons displaced.
	<u>Unfit Houses.</u>	<u>Other Houses.</u>	
(1) Land coloured pink and pink. hatched yellow.	-	-	-
(2) Land coloured grey.	-	-	-

HOUSES NOT INCLUDED IN CLEARANCE AREAS.

Houses demolished or closed in the period.

Number of
Houses. Persons Dis.

(1) Housing Act, 1936.

(a)	Demolished as a result of formal or informal procedure (Section 11)	4	8
(b)	Closed in pursuance of an undertaking given by owners under Section 11 and still in force	-	-
(c)	Parts of building closed (Section 12)	-	-

(2) Housing Act, 1949.

Closed as a result of closing orders under Section 10 (1) and 11 (2).	-	-
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REPAIRS IN THE PERIOD.

	<u>No. of House</u>
(4) Unfit houses rendered fit and houses in which defects were remedied during the period as a result of informal action by the local authority under the Housing or Public Health Acts.	21.
(5) Public Health Acts - action after service of informal notice - Houses in which defects were remedied	
(a) By owners	3.
(b) By local authority in default of owners	-

- (6) Housing Act, 1936 - action after service of formal notice - Sections 9, 10, 11 and 16.

Houses made fit -

- (a) By owners -
(b) By local authority in default of owner -

- (7) Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954.

Houses reconstructed, enlarged or improved and Demolition Orders revoked (Section 5) -

UNFIT HOUSES IN TEMPORARY USE, (Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954.)

Position at end of period. No. of Houses.

- (8) (a) Houses retained for temporary accommodation and approved for grant under Section 7 -
(b) Separate dwellings contained in (a) above -
(c) Houses licensed for temporary occupation (Section 6) -

PURCHASES OF HOUSES BY AGREEMENT.

- (9) Houses in Clearance Areas other than those included in confirmed Clearance Orders or Compulsory Purchase Orders, purchased in the period. -

HOUSING ACT, 1936 - PART IV - OVERCROWDING :-

- (a) (1) No. of dwellings overcrowded at end of year }
(2) No. of families dwelling therein. } None discovered.
(3) No. of persons dwelling therein. }
- (b) No. of cases of overcrowding relieved during year -
(2) No. of persons concerned in such cases -
- (d) Particulars of any cases in which dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after the local authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding -
- (e) Any other particulars with respect to general housing conditions on which the Public Health Inspector may consider it desirable to report. -

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS.

It was not until 1954 that the Council commenced making Improvement Grants but during the three years up to the end of 1956, there has been a steadily growing interest on the part of property owners with a desire to rejuvenate old but structurally sound property as is shown by the following table :

Year.	No. of Appns.	Approved.	Disapproved.	Total Amount of Grant Approved.	Average Grant.
1954	11	11	-	£2143	£195
1955	27	24	3	£5967	£248
1956	35	34	1	£9573	£252
Totals	73	69	4	£17,683	£232

The 35 applications during 1956 have related to properties in the undermentioned parishes :

Parish.	No. of Appns.	Approved.	Disapproved.	Amount of Grant Approved. £
Billesdon.	1	1.	-	400
Burton Overy.	1	1	-	345
Goadby.	2	2	-	587
Great Glen.	1	1	-	80
Houghton.	1	1	-	249
Hungarton.	2	1	1	400
Loddington.	1	1	-	324
Lowesby.	1	1	-	400
Scraptoft.	4	4	-	964
Stoughton.	12	12	-	2856
Thurnby.	2	2	-	429
Tilton.	3	3	-	1200
Tugby.	1	1	-	394
Wistow.	3.	3	-	945
Totals	35	34	1	9573

Seven cottages which the Council purchased in the parish of Tugby are not included in this list. The works of improvement to the four cottages in Chapel Lane which included hot and cold water systems, the provision of baths and an additional bedroom each formed out of the uninhabitable attics, were almost completed at the end of the year.

There has been much national comment that the scheme for Improvement Grants has not benefited the right type of property. However, in this district the majority of houses accorded an Improvement Grant have been let to tenants, usually engaged in agriculture.

No. of Grants.		Type of Property to which Grant Relates.	
		Owner/Occupier	Let on Tenancy.
1954	11	2	9
1955	24	4	20
1956	34	10	24
Totals	69	16	53

MEAT INSPECTION.

Unfortunately, it has not been possible to inspect 100% of the animals slaughtered, as many as possible of the carcasses and organs of the animals killed at the two slaughterhouses in the district were examined.

	Beasts.	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs.
Number Killed.	108	212	159
Number Inspected.	40	80	60
<u>All Diseases except Tuberculosis.</u>			
(a) Whole carcasses condemned.	-	1	-
(b) Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	5	-	8
(c) Percentage of number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis.	12.5	1.2	13.3
<u>Tuberculosis Only.</u>			
(a) Whole carcasses condemned.	-	-	-
(b) Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	-	-	-
(c) Percentage of number inspected affected with Tuberculosis.	-	-	-
<u>Cysticercosis.</u>			
(a) Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	-	-	-
(b) Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration.	-	-	-
(c) Generalised and totally condemned.	-	-	-

MILK AND DAIRIES.

Particulars of the results of biological samples taken are shown below:

Number of Bulk Samples Taken.	Results of Biological Examination.		
	Satisfactory.	Evidence of living tubercle bacilli	Evidence of Brucella Abortus.
14	13	-	1

One milk sample gave a positive Brucella abortus report and a further 19 samples were taken from individual animals. All milk from affected animals was excluded from retail sale.

Bacteriological Milk Sampling.

Class.	No. of Samples.	Satisfactory.	Unsatisfactory.
Tuberculin Tested.	13	13	-
Pasteurised.	5	5	-
Sterilised.	1	1	-
Undesignated.	1	1	-

Milk (Special Designation)(Pasteurised & Sterilised Milk)Regulations,1949.

Number of Licences issued during the year :

(a) Dealers : Pasteurised - 4 Sterilised -

(b) Supplementary Licences : Pasteurised - 3 Sterilised 2

Milk (Special Designation)(Raw Milk) Regulations,1949.

Number of Licences issued during the year :

(a) Dealers : ..

(b) Supplementary : 2

ICE CREAM.

Number of Premises on Register -

(a) Manufacture and Retail	...	...	-
(b) Manufacture only	...	...	-
(c) Retail only	...	...	11

During the year 19 samples were taken and with one exception were very satisfactory. The laboratory gradings were as follows :

Grade 1	-	18
Grade 2	-	-
Grade 3	-	1
Grade 4	-	-

In addition, two iced lollies were also submitted for laboratory examination and received a satisfactory report.

FOOD HYGIENE.

There are a total of 54 food premises in the district, 12 of which were inspected during the year.

In 2 instances informal notices were served on the occupier and the notices were still outstanding

The number of premises in various categories are as follows:

General Grocers.	19
Greengrocers.	2
Cafes.	5
Bakerys.	4
Pakchaw etc.	2
Tea and Hostel.	1
Licensed Premises.	21

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ERADICATION OF PESTS.

Very little organised survey work has been possible under the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949. Complaints have been investigated and treatments carried out whenever the Refuse Tip, sewage dykes or sewers gave any evidence of infestation.

CAMP SITES AND MOVEABLE DWELLINGS.

No licences for camping sites were issued during the year. A number of applications were however received from individuals to station and use caravans within the district, as follows :

No. of applications received	....	12
No. of licences issued	....	12
No. of applications withdrawn	....	-
No. of applications refused	....	-
No. of appeals to Justices	....	-
No. of prosecutions for using a caravan without licence	-

SMOKE ABATEMENT.

No action has been necessary during the year.

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I appreciate assistance freely given by the Council's Officers and in particular my own staff, which has continued to work loyally and to capacity.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

John W. Stephenson.

Surveyor & Chief Public Health Inspector.

